Statement

Statewise Details of Rural Housing Schemes Sanctioned by HUDCO (Net) as on 30-6-1985:

S. No.	State	No. of Schemes	Project Cost	Loan sanctioned	Dwelling sanctioned
			(Rupees in Crores)		
1	Andhra Pradesh	85	72.15	34.96	156425
2	Bihar	18	12.00	6.00	30000
3	Gujarat	135	91.90	41.88	216771
4	Haryana	2	1.26	0.63	3161
5	Karnataka	91	100.23	37.11	274801
6	Kerala	66	74.02	38.68	153600
7	Madhya Pradesh	42	8.08	4.04	20469
8	Maharashtra	52	8.99	4.49	33301
9	Orissa	10	11.59	7.63	27493
10	Punjab	12	10.51	5.25	25241
11	Rajasthan	57	28.66	17.28	57702
12	Tamil Nadu	37	34.28	17.90	68169
	TOTAL	607	453.67	215.85	1067133

Sugar imports due to fall in production

418. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA. Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of sugar in the country has declined considerably;

(b) whether in view of this decline in production, Government are considering to resort to imports; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for this decline in production and the foreign exchange lost as result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) There has been a decline in sugar production to 59.16 lakh tonnes in 1983-84 and to about 61 lakh tonnes in 1984-85 season from record production of about 84 and 82 lakhs tonnes in 1981-82 and 1982-83 seasons.

(b) Yes, Sir. To ensure adequate availability of sugar for internal consumption it has been decided for the present, to import 10 lakh tonnes of sugar in the financial year 1985-86.

(c) The decline in sugar production in 1983-84 and 1984-85 seasons has taken place mainly due to fall in the production of sugarcane as a result of natural factors including the climatic conditions. Therefore, to make good the shortfall in the availability of indigenous sugar it has become necessary to import sugar to ensure adequate availability at reasonable prices in the domestic market. Thus, the import of sugar is considered unavoidable and the expenditure in foreign exchange for the said purpose, is to be viewed in this context.